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Applicant: Volker Rheinberger et al

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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING A SYNTHETIC MATERIAL PART

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the description:

Page 1, immediately after the title insert the following heading  
and paragraph:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

--This application claims foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) from German patent application ser. no. 101 11 704.3 filed March 12, 2001. In addition, this application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of US provisional patent application ser. no. 60/287,775 filed May 1, 2001, and US

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